

REMARKS

The claims are amended such that all rejections and objections are moot. The following amendments are made:

- The previously misnumbered claims are renumbered as indicated by the Office Action.
- The definition of R₂ in claim 12 is changed to C₁₋₆ alkyl group as suggested by the Examiner. R₂ in claim 12 appearing as a C₁₋₈ alkyl group was the result of a typographical error.
- Claim 10 is made dependent on claim 12, and thus, the dependency is proper.
- Claim 11 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.
- Claim 13 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer because after the amendment to claim 12, this claim would be a duplicate of claim 12. It is noted that the appearance of two sets of claims 13 in a previous reply was caused by a cut and paste error.
- Claims 1-9 are not directed to elected subject matter, i.e., to methods using compounds of formula I.
- Amendments to the form of claims 14 and 27-29 were made which do not change their scope.

Allowance of the applications is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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